Pulse Polio Immunization

†573. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WALFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made till December 2004 in polio eradication drive being launched countrywide and to what extent the decline in the number of polio patients recorded;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many States particularly in Uttar Pradesh this drive is not being run successfully; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor the views expressed by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Significant progress has been made in polio eradication during 2004. As against 1600 cases of wild poliovirus reported during 2002 and 225 cases detected during 2003 only 136 cases of wild poliovirus was reported during 2004. Moreover the poliovirus circulation has been restricted to limited geographical area of Western Uttar Pradesh, Central Bihar and Mumbai.

(b) and (c) the polio eradication drive is running successfully in all States including Uttar Pradesh. In the State of Uttar Pradesh the number of wild polio virus cases had reduced from 1242 in the year 2002 to 82 in 2004. The extent of wild poliovirus transmission has also reduced from 65 districts in the year 2002 to only 15 districts in the year 2004.

Ayurvedic Remedy for heart patients

†574. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhartiya Ayurvedic Sansthan got the success to cure heart patients without conducting any by pass surgery and the Sansthan got the fame in the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) Government have no information regarding success to cure the heart

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